

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE

May 15, 2002
Maricopa Association of Governments Office
Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leon Manuel, Chairman, El Mirage	Crystal Pearl, Mesa
Ken Sowers, Avondale	Armando Rivas, Paradise Valley
Mike Tibbett, Carefree	Neil Burning, Peoria
Bob Lee, Cave Creek	* Unappointed, Phoenix
Alex Banachowski, Chandler	*Tim Wegner, Queen Creek
* Unappointed, Fountain Hills	Anthony Floyd, Scottsdale
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	Forrest Fielder, Surprise
JoRene Deveau, Gila River Indian Community	Michael Williams, Tempe
Ray Patten, Gilbert	Mario Rochin, Tolleson
Justine xx for Deborah Mazoyer, Glendale	* Skip Blunt, Wickenburg
* Steve Burger, Goodyear	*Unappointed, Youngtown
Chuck Ransom, Litchfield Park	Tom Ewers, Maricopa County
	Rus Brock, Home Builders Association

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Charlie Gohman, Arizona Energy Office	Casius McChesney, Pinnacle West Capital Corp.
Jim Atwood, Arizona Energy Office	Jack Tomasik, MAG
Karen Kupps, SRP	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Ric Stephenson, SRP	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Leon Manuel at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of March 20, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Leon Manuel asked if there were any comments on the minutes. Bob Lee pointed out that the Arizona Fire Marshals supported HB 2628, while agenda item #12 in the minutes had stated they opposed it. He also noted that in Agenda Item #3, that Carefree did not have an agreement with the state on inspecting mobile homes. It was moved by Tom Ewers, seconded by Mario Rochin and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

3. Call to the Public

Harry Wolfe introduced Jack Tomasik, Regional Development Manager at MAG. Mr. Wolfe stated that Mr. Tomasik's section would be staffing the MAG Building Codes Committee during the coming fiscal year. Mr. Tomasik noted that he had been working with the Greater Phoenix Economic Development Council, which had expressed some concern about the length of the development process in the Phoenix metropolitan area. He said a Task Force had been appointed to determine whether the concern was valid; and if so to pursue some solutions.

4. Permit Requirements for Residential Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installations

Anthony Floyd noted that at the March meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee the issue of Solar Photovoltaic installations for residential development was discussed; and that to facilitate uniform plan review submittal requirements, it was recommended that a standard be developed and brought back to the Building Committee. Mr. Floyd indicated that he had amended the requirements to ensure compliance with local planning and zoning regulations. It was moved by Anthony Floyd, seconded by Crystal Pearl and recommended to approve the permit requirements for Residential Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installations by a vote of 16-1.

5. Permit Requirement for Commercial Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installations

At March meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee the issue of Solar Photovoltaic installations for commercial development was discussed. To facilitate uniform plan review submittal requirements, it was recommended that a standard be developed and brought back to the Building Committee. Mr. Floyd stated that the only difference between these requirements and those for commercial and those for residential installations was the requirement that structural plans be prepared and sealed by a State of Arizona registered engineer for support and uplift of the PV Panels. It was moved by Mario Rochin, seconded by Anthony Floyd and recommended to approve the permit requirements for Commercial Solar Photovoltaic (PV) installations by a vote of 17-0.

6. Request by Salt River Project to be Recognized by MAG as Having an Energy Program that Demonstrates Compliance with the Energy Provisions of the IRC

At the March 20, 2002 meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee a policy regarding enforcement of the IRC energy provisions was adopted by the MAG Building Codes Committee. The last section of the policy states that for any detached one- and two-family dwelling, compliance with the IRC energy provisions may be demonstrated by participation in the Energy Star, Engineered for Life, Environments for Living and other such nationally recognized third party energy programs. SRP has had an energy efficient home program since the 1970s and has requested an opportunity to brief the MAG Building Codes Committee on its Certified Home Program; and that the program be specifically referenced among those which MAG recognizes as demonstrating compliance with the energy provisions of the IRC.

It was moved by Bob Lee, and seconded by Chuck Ransom to add the Salt River Project to the list of energy programs that demonstrate compliance with the energy provisions of the IRC. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 5-12.

7. Ventless Attics

Crystal Pearl said that concerns had been raised regarding ventless attics and she expressed interest in conducting a survey of jurisdictions to determine their attitude and any policies that they have on ventless attics. Mike Williams suggested deferring further discussion on this matter until after the AZBO meetings in July. He noted that an expert on ventless attics would be at the conference, and there would be an

opportunity to confer with him on the matter.

8. Status Report on Adopting of Building Codes

Harry Wolfe stated that in March a table presenting the status on the adoption of Building Codes was distributed to member agencies. He said that the table reflected what had been adopted, but that many member agencies were getting ready to adopt new codes. It was requested that additional information on the adoption of new Codes be provided.

Bob Lee said that in July or August the Town of Cave Creek would be adopting the 2000 IPC and the 2000 IFC.

Mike Tibbett said that by July or August that the Town of Carefree would be adopting the 2000 International Codes and the 1999 NEC.

Jo Rene DeVeau said that at the end of June the Gila River Indian Community would be adopting the 2000 IBC, IRC, IFC and the IPC.

Neil Burning said that Peoria would be adopting the 2000 IFC in June.

Anthony Floyd said that Scottsdale would be adopting the 2000 International Codes in Codes in September of 2002.

Tom Ewers said that Maricopa County would be approving the International Codes in September and that they would take effect in November of 2002.

9. Status of the Regional Plan Review Program

Neil Burning reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement had been approved by participating jurisdictions and was scheduled to be executed in the near future. He noted that there might be a slight delay before El Mirage can sign the IGA.

10. Backflow Devices on Potable Water

At the March 20, 2002 meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee, it was requested by that the Committee address backflow devices on potable water. Input from the MAG Building Codes Committee was solicited.

11. Detectable Warnings as an Accessibility Requirement by AZDAG

At the March meetings it was noted that detectable warnings as an accessibility requirement by AZDAG is not optional and it was requested that the issue be examined by the MAG Building Codes Committee. This issue was forwarded to the Plans Examiners/Building Inspectors Forum.

12. Legislative Issues

Harry Wolfe reported that Steve Burger raised a legislative issue in an e-mail message that he had forwarded. Mr. Burger indicated that although SB 2628 had not passed during this legislative session, it was likely to be brought back next year. He said that it would be important for the MAG Building Codes Committee to encourage uniformity as a way of forestalling state legislation.

13. Plumbing Code Commission

No new information was provided.

14. Updated MAG Building Codes Committee Membership

Harry Wolfe noted that Fountain Hills had selected a new representative to the MAG Building Codes Committee. Leon Manuel requested that the Phoenix representative to the Building Codes Committee be shown as unappointed.

15. Topics for Future Agendas

Leon Manuel stated that anyone who wanted a topic to be addressed at the next meeting provide it to him two weeks before the meeting. The next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the MAG Office. in the Saguaro Room.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.